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ALABAMA FIRE DEPARTMENTS RECEIVE MORE THAN \$400,000 IN FUNDING THROUGH FEMA'S ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM

ATLANTA – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) today awarded \$424,546 in Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) funding to local fire departments and emergency medical services organizations in the state of Alabama.

"First responders are the front line of emergency management," said FEMA Regional Administrator Phil May. "Through the AFG program, firefighters and emergency response personnel will have tools necessary to protect their communities and save lives."

Nationally, this week's grants total nearly \$19 million. The AFG program includes three kinds of awards: Fire Grants, Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grants and Fire Prevention and Safety grants (FP&S). Today's grants to Alabama organizations are:

Fire Grants (funding firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical services organizations, and supporting regional projects involving multiple organizations serving more than one local jurisdiction)

Perdido VFD	Operations and Safety	Perdido	\$38,000
Slocomb VFD	Operations and Safety	Slocomb	\$88,440
Lanier VFD	Operations and Safety	Alpine	\$10,878
Ashland FD	Operations and Safety	Ashland	\$22,982
Childersburg Fire & Rescue Dept.	Operations and Safety	Childersburg	\$66,415
Broomtown VFD	Operations and Safety	Gaylesville	\$55,939
Killingsworth Cove VFD	Operations and Safety	Gurley	\$41,097
Muscle Shoals Fire & Rescue	Operations and Safety	Muscle Shoals	\$91,295
Maytown VFD	Operations and Safety	Maytown	\$9,500

The fiscal year (FY) 2008 AFG awards, which are being distributed in phases, will ultimately provide about \$500 million to fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations throughout the country.

The full list of this week's recipients and other information, including program Fact Sheets, can be found on the AFG website (www.firegrantsupport.com).

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